

ABSTRACT

There is provided a reproduction apparatus which acquires information concerning a program digest, which is created by a third party, and performs a digest reproduction of a recorded program based on this information, while taking into consideration factors such as unreproduced portions of the recorded program and the amount of time which a user can spend for viewing, for example. From a recording/reproduction processing section (24), a digest information management section (27) acquires information concerning a recording process and a reproduction process, and based on such information, generates predetermined program recording information and predetermined program reproduction history information. From a server (40) on a network (30), the digest information management section (27) acquires server digest information which is previously stored therein. The program recording information, the program reproduction history information, and the server digest information are recorded on the hard disk (25) and kept under management therein. From such information, the digest information management section (27) generates predetermined user digest information, and, in accordance with this user digest information, provides the user with information concerning a digest reproduction of the recorded program.